

# 'L' TRAINS ON FIRE AFTER CRASH; PASSENGER BURNED TO DEATH

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## HOTELS BARRICADED AGAINST STRIKE MOB ON RIOTOUS PARADE

### Waiters Attack Hoffman House and Sweep Pedestrians from Sidewalks During March to Union Square Mass Meeting.

Hotel managers on the line of the striking waiters' advance toward Union Square and the mass meeting they held there this afternoon barred their doors as the crowds were passing and placed guards with nightsticks in front of the barricaded entrances.

They had already caught the rumor of preliminary rioting which marked the advance of the waiters from their meeting at Bryant Hall, on Sixth avenue, near Fortieth street, to the Square downtown. An advance guard of waiters and hotel strikers had swung downtown from the hall on Sixth avenue, hunting for trouble and creating it when they did not find it ready to hand.

That, despite the fact that Inspector Leahy and the police acted under Commissioner Waldo's strict orders that there should under no circumstances be a repetition of last night's continuous sound of rioting.

The inspector was backed by Commissioner Waldo in giving strict orders to the 500 policemen detailed to him for strike duty that no repetition of last night's scenes should occur.

Nor was Inspector Leahy reassured as to the effects of the meeting when an impatient rioter marked the progress of the first band of waiters toward Union Square early in the afternoon. The waiters had gathered in Bryant Hall, on Sixth avenue, near Fortieth street, shortly after noon, and, lacking a permit to march to the Square, they had sent out a flying squadron of trouble-makers in advance of the main body, marching down Sixth avenue in "company front" formation, arms limited. They attempted to sweep pedestrians off the sidewalks in front of the hotels that were passed, and in front of nearly every hotel they paused to shout curses in half the tongues of Europe.

At Twenty-fifth street and Broadway they put the swinging doors of the Hoffman House out of commission. A block below they wrecked a peddler's pushcart and plundered it of its fruit, and when several policemen of the traffic squad attempted to break up the fast growing crowd, oranges and apples thumped their sides and they were unable to stem the torrent of lawlessness.

Back to Twenty-sixth street and Sixth avenue the band paraded, and at the sight of a cook turning "flap-jacks" in the window of a restaurant, boots and catcalls preceded a shower of oranges against the window. The glass withstood the bombardment, but the cook fled like King Arthur, leaving his cakes to burn.

Then the accents of trouble merged with the crowds of the main body of strikers, walking down from Bryant Hall to Union Square.

At the mass meeting in Union Square about a thousand striking waiters closed about the stand and listened first to Patrick Quinn in an intemperate harangue, wherein he exhorted James H. Ryan, proprietor of the Knickerbocker, and Police Commissioner Waldo. Elizabeth G. Flynn was the speaker who caused the most enthusiasm.

The most important gain claimed by the strikers before the meeting was held was the walk-out of some of the waiters at the Hotel Vanderbilt. The union claimed 150; the management said it was "a mere handful."

Miss Flynn, at union headquarters, declared that during the afternoon the waiters at the Hotel Noyes, the Hoffman House and in the Fifth Avenue restaurant had walked out, completely crippling the dining-room service of each, kitchen and pantry men having joined the waiters.

She also said that only six waiters

## SUBWAY CONFABS END; NOW THEY'LL JAM DEAL THROUGH

Announcement Made That Agreements Have Been Reached on All Points.

ARRANGED LAST NIGHT.

Only Thing Now Necessary Is to Formally Execute Contracts With Monopolists.

The subway conferences are over. A complete agreement between the traction companies and the officials representing the city has been reached. There does not remain a single disputed point. This definite declaration was made today by one who has taken part in the confabs. If true it means that everything is cut and dried to jam the subway grab through by Feb. 1.

"There is no further necessity for more conferences, and there will be none," said the official mentioned. "There does not now remain a single point that has not been settled. All that remains to be done is the physical act of counsel of redrafting the contracts in accordance with the amendments agreed upon, and the further physical act of printing the revised documents. Just how long that will take I cannot predict."

The conference at which the final agreement was reached took place at the home of Chairman Wilcox last night and continued until early today, but a few minor details in regard to the R. R. T. were disposed of finally this afternoon at a luncheon attended by Chairman Wilcox, Borough President McAnany and President Williams of the Brooklyn company.

"There will be no undue haste in the matter," said the Chairman today. "Of that you may be certain. We are not attempting to 'jam' anything through. Certain changes are being made, and these are important, but are not important enough to reach down to the root of the matter. We are working as rapidly as we can, without undue delay, because we have worked without undue delay right along."

## WITH FLOOD SMASHING LEVEE, 75 CONVICTS FIGHT TO ESCAPE

Gang Uses Guns Against Guards at Beulah, Miss.—Many Families in Peril.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 25.—The levee at Beulah, Miss., broke early today. Water poured through a gap of 1,000 feet wide. Families in the district had for their lives.

When the levee broke seventy-five convicts working on it made a dash for liberty. Several secured guns and returned the fire of the guards who pursued them. After a short fight, in which four convicts and two guards were wounded, the prisoners gave in.

The flood situation is hourly growing worse about Beulah. All traffic on the Yazoo and Mississippi rivers is about to be abandoned. This will leave many to their fate if rescue boats do not reach them.

The break in the levee is at the same point where the disastrous flood of last year started its most destructive work. It was feared that several hundred square miles would be inundated.

## PINK TEA POKER PARTY HOSTESS HELD FOR TRIAL

Miss Alice Merrill, Arrested After Detectives Had Played, Gives \$500 Bail.

ONE REPORTS WINNING.

Woman Caught in Raid at Ivy Court at No. 210 West 107th Street.

Magistrate Corrigan was so surprised today by the testimony of Detective Sutter at the hearing of Miss Alice Merrill of No. 210 West One Hundred and Seventh street on charges of keeping a gambling house, that he nearly fell from his chair. Detective Sutter said that, after sitting in the game for half an hour, he had quit a winner. Never having heard a policeman make such an admission, the Magistrate gasped.

"How much?" he asked. "Thirty-five cents, your Honor," said Sutter. "But," he added hastily, my partner, Detective Armstrong, lost \$10." Miss Merrill and the man who was described as her manager, Robert S. Roberts, were held in \$500 bail for an examination next week. Cash bail was furnished by E. M. Engleman of No. 1 Madison avenue.

THE RALD OF THE DETECTIVES on Miss Merrill's place was the sequel of their raid on the home of Mrs. Gubner in West Ninety-second street earlier in the week. Mrs. Yanger and Mrs. Hyer, the woman whom they met in Rector's restaurant at Columbus avenue and Sixty-sixth street, had introduced them by telephone to Miss Merrill before taking them to Mrs. Gubner's.

The detectives visited Miss Merrill and reported to Inspector Dwyer. They said it was no place for "pink tea," the play being high at times. They said two games went in full blast, one for men in the dining room and another for women in the front parlor. Roberts, the detective said, seemed to be in charge of the games. By order of the inspector they swore out warrants and, led by Inspector Dwyer himself, the detectives and eight men went around to Ivy Court last night.

ALL THE PLAYERS IN EVENING DRESS. The detectives had been posing as men from the West, and the negro butler admitted them. Inside were eight or nine men and an equal number of women, all in evening dress.

As soon as the detectives had entered the policemen behind them pushed their way in. The negro turned a stony gray and was speechless. Above the rattle of chips a woman's voice inquired: "What's the trouble out there, butler?"

"G-o-o-g-o-o Lawd, Miss Alice," he finally gasped, "we's done been pinched."

When Miss Merrill saw the detectives in the van of the invaders her indignation and scorn burst bounds. "So this is the return for my hospitality," she sneered. "Grateful creatures, detectives!"

Then spoke up Miss Dorothy Jane, she called herself, of No. 25 East One Hundred and Fifty-third street. Cuddling a French poodle, she said: "Anybody you can't arrest, this little dear, he hasn't done anything."

Another who called herself Miss Mary Martin was heartbroken. "Why did you have to do this to me at this time?" she wailed. "I had had a losing streak for a month, and my luck had just turned."

## Gen. Sickles, Whose Arrest Is Ordered, as He Looks To-Day

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## DAN SICKLES GOES TO JAIL IF HE DOESN'T PAY \$23,476 TO THE STATE BY MONDAY

Order of Arrest Issued by Court in Albany But Service Is Delayed.

IT'S HIS LAST CHANCE.

Deposed From Monument Commission Because He Helped Himself to Funds.

Unless Gen. Daniel E. Sickles or his friends or his family can raise \$23,476 by Monday morning and have the money in readiness to be turned over to representatives of the State of New York he will be placed under arrest.

Gen. Sickles is charged with misappropriating \$23,476 of funds collected by the State Monument Commission, of which he was chairman up to last month, and Attorney-General Carmody, after waiting in vain for the money, secured today an order for the arrest of the General.

The order was issued by the Supreme Court in Albany on the personal application of the Attorney-General, Franklin Kennedy, of the Attorney-General's office was given the order with instructions to take steps looking to Gen. Sickles' arrest.

ARREST DELAYED UNTIL MONDAY TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE. The General is eighty-eight years old and in poor health. It was decided to hold the order of arrest until Monday so that every possibility

## WILD PANIC IN CRASH ON THIRD AVENUE "L" AT THIRTY-THIRD ST.

### Cars Catch Fire and Add to the Peril After Crowded Train Bound for South Ferry Smashes Into One Bound for City Hall.

### SCORE OF WOMEN FAINT AS THEY ARE RESCUED.

### Trucks of Two of the Cars Overhang the "L" Structure and Police Stop Traffic on Surface Line.

THE DEAD. Policeman J. M. Gleason, of No. 341 East One Hundred and Thirty-third street.

THE INJURED. FELLOWS, KENNETH, No. 461 East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, the Bronx. KELLY, DANIEL, No. 106 Railroad avenue, Bronx, cuts on head and legs. LANKFERN, THOMAS, No. 6110 Arthur avenue, Bronx. KEANE, MICHAEL, No. 608 East One Hundred and Fortieth street, motorman of second train, cuts on head and legs; condition serious. LEVINE, SAMUEL, fifteen years old, No. 306 East Sixty-sixth street, probable internal injuries. LYON, MRS. MARY, No. 306 Washington avenue, suffering from shock.

The most disastrous wreck on the "L" system since a train ran off the structure at Fifty-third street and Ninth avenue nearly ten years ago occurred on the Third Avenue line, between Thirty-third and Thirty-second streets, at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon, when a heavily laden south-bound South ferry train crashed into a crowded City Hall train.

A passenger is known to have been killed, scores were injured and two cars caught fire.

At five o'clock this afternoon he was identified as Policeman J. M. Gleason of No. 341 East One Hundred and Thirty-third street. He was identified by the number on his revolver which was found underneath his body.

Motorman Hearms was placed under arrest on his cot in Bellevue Hospital. He is charged with criminal negligence.

No explanation of the accident has been obtained. In the bright afternoon sunlight Motorman Michael Hearms of the colliding train crowded on his power after leaving the Thirty-fourth street station, gathered momentum for his train on a down grade and went smash into a train in plain sight ahead of him. It is believed he applied the brakes but they refused to work. The forward train in the collision had come to a sudden stop.

THIRD AVENUE "L" TIED UP FOR HOURS.

In preparation for the early afternoon rush from uptown, trains were running close together southbound at the time of the collision. The wreck necessitated the shutting off of power so the firemen could work and the entire Third Avenue line was tied up for the rest of the afternoon.

Some of the trucks of the cars of the trains in the collision were derailed, the rear end of the last car of the first train and the forward car of the second train were overhanging the structure and the police refused to allow Third Avenue cars to pass under the scene of the wreck.

The crash of the collision was heard two blocks away. Almost immediately the forward end of the first car caught fire, the wires from which the insulation had been torn igniting the woodwork. The flames

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